

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

July 22, 2009

This is a regular meeting of the Mansfield Township Committee. The notice requirements of the law have been satisfied for this meeting by notice to the Star-Gazette and the Express Times of the time, date and location thereof. Notice was also posted on the announcement board located in the Municipal Building.

Roll Call: Mr. Tomaszewski, Mr. Baldwin, Ms. Nerbak, Mayor Jewell

Salute to the flag was done by all.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Mr. Tomaszewski asked about the court security and the auto repairs for J&D auto repairs for 28-5 are they the only company that we went out to bid.

Mr. Coppola stated that the regular court security person was on vacation and this was to have coverage for that position and the repairs to 28-5 were done through the insurance company and that is the garage that they use.

Mayor Jewell asked what happened to 28-5.

Mr. Tomaszewski stated that Officer Hydock had an accident going to a call and that there were no injuries.

Mr. Tomaszewski also asked about the marriage license fees paid to the State of New Jersey is that a cost to us at all or is this something that is passed on.

Ms. Hrebenak stated that this is a fee that is collected from the individuals when they are applying for the marriage licenses.

Mr. Baldwin made a motion to approve the bill list and addendum, which was seconded by Mayor Jewell.

Ayes: Mr. Tomaszewski, Mr. Baldwin, Ms. Nerbak, Mayor Jewell

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Watters

Abstain: None

CFO REPORT:

Mr. Coppola stated that the Township Committee members were all given a copy of the overtime report and also a report of the legal fees that we are going over budget on.

Mr. Baldwin asked if Mr. Coppola is going to be attending the Shared Service meeting.

Mr. Coppola stated that he would go if Mr. Baldwin could not attend.

Mr. Baldwin stated that he would be away and that Ms. Nerbak would be going to another meeting that was going on that night for him also.

Mayor Jewell asked if the letter that was received from Mr. Coppola dated July 17 needed any action taken tonight.

Mr. Coppola stated that if the township committee wanted to make an emergency appropriation to cover the accounts that are going over budget then he could have this ready for the next meeting and explained that this money for the emergency appropriation would be put into next year's budget.

Ms. Nerbak and Mr. Baldwin suggested that the Finance Committee meet with Mr. Coppola to come up with a solution for this.

CLERKS REPORT:

Ms. Hrebenak stated that she had received two raffle applications for Mansfield Cowboys Parents Association for a 50/50 for the football games and a raffle application for New Jersey State Council for Trout Unlimited.

Ms. Hrebenak stated that at the auction that we had we sold four properties three of the properties sold for \$2500 and one of the properties sold for \$6000.

Mayor Jewell stated that there were some adjacent properties to the properties that were sold that the land use board would probably suggest the people purchasing to meet the bulk lot size.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Mr. Mace stated that there is investigation being done on Washington Auto Sales and also the appliance guy.

Mr. Mace also stated that Washburn Road all except the guide rail is complete and we are within the budget.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Glen Todd, Port Murray, two questions on Washburn Road after it was paved the apron for the driveway there was not enough blacktop and there is no lip and the last two rains the water is draining into the yard from the road this should be fixed with more blacktop and this needs to be prepared.

Mr. Mace explained that the project is not complete and he will still be doing his walk through and this will be fixed.

Mr. Todd asked if the contract was approved with Comcast for 15 to 20 years. Mr. Todd stated concerns with Comcast that he has brought up all of the prior times that he came before Comcast and the Township Committee and he has never been given any answers.

Mr. Baldwin stated that the Township Committee was not aware that Comcast has not answered any of his questions and that he will have them come and speak with him at his home.

Mr. Todd stated that he did not wish to meet with Comcast at his home and wanted to meet with them in at a public meeting.

Mr. Baldwin stated that Comcast has already been to a public meeting and Mr. Todd had explained his issues therefore a public meeting is not necessary.

Scott Cruts asked if the Township Committee does not approve Comcast contract then what happens would the State just approve them.

Ms. Nerbak stated that the Township would not get all of the concerns that they have addressed and that the State would approve them anyway.

Mr. Cruts also asked if the position for police officer was advertised in the newspaper and if now that it is open if the grant was being applied for.

RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION 09-70
TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
PROSECUTOR'S LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST GRANT

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A4-87 provides that the Director of the Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and;

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield has received \$274.25 to administer an Prosecutor's Law Enforcement Trust Grant from the Warren County Prosecutor's Office and wishes to amend its 2009 Budget to include a portion of this amount as a revenue

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Mansfield hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2009 in the sum of \$274.25 that is now available as revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent
Of the Director of Local Government Services:

Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
Prosecutor's Law Enforcement Trust

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$274.25 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations

(a) Operations – Excluded from 5% Caps Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

Prosecutor's Law Enforcement Trust

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk forward two copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

Ms. Nerbak made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2009-70, which was seconded by Mr. Baldwin.

Ayes: Mr. Tomaszewski, Mr. Baldwin, Ms. Nerbak, Mayor Jewell

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Watters

Abstain: None

Mayor Jewell stated that the Tax Collector was present to explain any questions that anyone should have.

2009-71

RESOLUTION

EXTEND GRACE PERIOD
FOR PAYMENT OF TAX

WHEREAS, the 2009 final and 2010 preliminary tax bills will be mailed out beyond the June 14, 2009 statutory date, NJSA 54:4-64 as a result of a delay in obtaining the Municipal Tax Rate, and;

WHEREAS, the law of 1994 known as A179 requires a minimum of a twenty –five day payment period for either estimated or final tax bills.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mansfield Township Committee this 22nd day of July 2009, that the grace period allowed for payment of the August 1, 2009 tax quarter be extended to _____ and any payment received after said date will be charged interest from the original August 1, 2009 due date.

Ms. Nerbak made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2009-71, which was seconded by Mr. Baldwin.

Ayes: Mr. Tomaszewski, Mr. Baldwin, Ms. Nerbak, Mayor Jewell

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Watters
Abstain: None

ORDINANCE:

Second Reading

Mayor Jewell opened the floor for public comment, seeing as there were no comments the public comment period was closed.

ORDINANCE 2009-12

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER III A OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD BY ADDING NEW SECTIONS 3 CLINIC SPORTS REGISTRATION FEES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield has determined that there should be, within the Township of Mansfield; recreation registration fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the Code of the Township of Mansfield is hereby amended to include the following provisions regarding recreation registration fees.

Section 1

Chapter IIIA of the Code of the Township of Mansfield is hereby amended to include a new section establishing Clinic Sports Registration Fees:

Chapter IIIA-13. Clinic sports registration fees for participation of children in sports clinics of the Township of Mansfield shall be as follows:

- (a) Summer Field Hockey
 - i. \$20 for players enrolled in one of Mansfield's field hockey league programs (2-6 grade township team or 7/8 grade area travel team).
 - ii. \$30 for all others who are not or have never been registered in a Mansfield field hockey league program or clinic.

Section 2

This ordinance shall take effect immediately after passage.

Section 3

Any ordinance that is inconsistent with the foregoing shall be deemed repealed by this ordinance.

Ms. Nerbak made a motion to approve the passage of Ordinance 2009-12 and requested that the results be publicized, which was seconded by Mr. Baldwin.

Ayes: Mr. Tomaszewski, Mr. Baldwin, Ms. Nerbak, Mayor Jewell

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Watters

Abstain: None

Mayor Jewell opened the floor for public comment and explained that this is something that needs to be done and one of our Fireman does this service and this is the first year that he is taking a salary for this service, seeing as there were no comments from the public the public comment period was closed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-13

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE SALARIES AND COMPENSATION FOR THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH SALARIES AND COMPENSATION.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey as follows:

The salaries per annum of rates of compensation of the following officers and employees of the Township of Mansfield are determined for the period below to be as follows:

Smoke Detector Inspector	\$1500.00
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This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication as provided by Law.

Mr. Baldwin made a motion to approve the passage of Ordinance 2009-13, which was seconded by Ms. Nerbak.

Ayes: Mr. Tomaszewski, Mr. Baldwin, Ms. Nerbak, Mayor Jewell

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Watters

Abstain: None

RECEIPT OF BIDS: WASHWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM

Mr. Mace explained that bids were received from the following in the amounts of:

J&D Sales & Service, in the amount of \$38,887.52

Slack Environmental, in the amount of \$52,335.00
Trius Inc, in the amount of \$93,887.00

Mr. Baldwin stated that this is part of the building that needs to be completed for the State of New Jersey to complete a system that was partially installed in the new DPW garage.

Mr. Mace stated that the Consent was not required therefore the bid specs were not missing items.

COMMITTEE PERSON COMMENTS:

Mr. Tomaszewski stated that he had nothing to report, he was waiting for a report from Chief Ort about the Washington Auto Salvage parking lot and that has not been received yet.

Ms. Nerbak stated that the Recreation Commission had to postpone their grand opening for the trails because of the Contractor being a month behind due to the rain in June so it is planned for sometime in September.

Mr. Baldwin had nothing to report.

Mayor Jewell stated that he and Mr. Baldwin met with Joe Layton to go over the Highlands grants and the COAH obligations and they will be having another meeting in a month or so.

Mayor Jewell asked about the Towing Ordinance changes that were received from Mr. Kobert.

Ms. Hrebenak explained that we are still waiting for comments from the Chief prior to introduction.

Mayor Jewell also explained that Mr. Watters was at the Warren County meeting tonight representing the Township Committee and a number of concerned Mansfield Township citizens that are against the Shooting range being put in Mansfield off of Brickyard Road.

Mayor Jewell also explained that he is a member of the subcommittee for the Brickyard Road shooting range and that he had spoken with Freeholder Chamberlain and that he said that if the Township Committee

Executive Session for Personnel and Security

Mr. Baldwin made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:20, which was seconded by Mayor Jewell.

Return 9:39

All members present.

Mr. Watters reported that the County Freeholder meetings and that Freeholder Gardner stated that they had decided to drop the shooting range in Mansfield Township and that this would be dropped out of the equation for the property on Brickyard Road.

Ms. Nerbak stated that Solid Waste Advisory Council and the Freeholders made a change to the Solid Waste Plan for the batteries that are no longer hazardous and the only batteries that need to be gotten rid of separate are rechargeable.

Ms. Nerbak stated that the State Department sent a letter to the township asking if the township would be interested in having a survey performed for gypsy moths. Ms. Nerbak stated that we should return the paperwork to them to have the survey performed for gypsy moths.

Mayor Jewell explained the meeting that he and Mr. Baldwin had with Joe Layton about the highlands and COAH.

Mayor Jewell stated that the Township Committee will have a joint meeting with the Land Use Board at their meeting on August 17 to go over the Master plan change.

Mr. Baldwin made a motion to adjourn at 9:50.